



*Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District*

## CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE MELANCON

*working to create jobs for Louisiana.*



**Job Training Programs**

**Tax Breaks for Small Businesses**

**Protecting Oyster, Shrimp, Fishing  
and Agricultural Jobs**

**Supporting Oil and Gas Industry  
Job Creation**



**CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE MELANCON**  
**fighting for Louisiana's small businesses and workers.**



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### **Melancon Supports Jobs Bill to Cut Taxes for Small Businesses, Jumpstart Hiring of Workers.**

#### **The HIRE Act (HR 2847) includes:**

- ★ A payroll tax holiday for businesses that hire unemployed workers
- ★ Income tax credit of \$1,000 for businesses that retain new employees
- ★ Tax cuts to help small businesses invest, expand, and hire more workers
- ★ Extension of the Highway Trust Fund that allows for millions of dollars in infrastructure development in Louisiana

*"Many Louisiana families are hurting right now, and we need to be doing everything we can to create jobs and help put Louisianians back to work. Through the HIRE Act, small businesses will get tax incentives for hiring new workers or investing in expanding their operations. As our economy recovers, we must continue working in a bipartisan way to create new opportunities for our small businesses and workers."*

**- Congressman Charlie Melancon**

The HIRE Act follows the Pay-as-You-Go/"PAYGO" law and is fully paid for without increasing the national debt.



Top Photo: Rep. Melancon joins Gulf Coast oystermen in calling on the FDA to reverse its proposed ban on the sale of fresh oysters during summer months.  
Bottom Photo: Rep. Melancon joins Louisiana shrimpers at the state capitol to speak out against unfair trade that is driving shrimpers out of business.

### **Melancon Votes for \$4.8 million for Job Training at Louisiana Technical College**

- ★ As part of the Recovery Act, Congressman Melancon voted for \$4.8 million to help train our workers for jobs in Louisiana's high-growth industries. Louisiana Technical College will use the \$4,859,040 Recovery Act investment to serve more students, offer new programs, and expand the scope of existing programs.
- ★ LTC's expanded training programs will enable 768 participants to receive industry-recognized credentials and/or Associate degrees in Applied Science. The skills training is designed to move unemployed workers from declining industries into careers in the Acadiana region's growing transportation industry.



### **Melancon Opposed New Taxes on Oil and Gas Industry, Helps Secure Billions for Coastal Restoration Projects**

- ★ Congressman Melancon is working to protect the critical jobs supported by Louisiana's oil and gas industry. Last year, Congressman Melancon successfully stopped over \$30 billion in new taxes on the industry while preserving incentives to encourage new exploration and drilling in the Gulf.
- ★ Congressman Melancon has fought to open new areas of the Gulf to drilling and direct billions in new royalty payments to Louisiana to restore our barrier islands and coastal wetlands.

### **Melancon Protects Seafood Jobs and Louisiana's Way of Life**

- ★ Congressman Melancon has been a leader in the fight to protect the culture of Louisiana – including the jobs that depend on oysters, shrimp, and crawfish. Congressman Melancon led the fight to stop the federal government's proposed ban on the sale of fresh Gulf oysters.
- ★ Congressman Melancon will continue to lead the fight to protect our seafood industry jobs and the Louisiana way of life.

## **THE TECHE NEWS**

**Charlie Melancon:**  
*Saving oil and  
gas industry billions*

*(April 22, 2009)*

## **THE TIMES PICAYUNE**

**FDA decides to hold off on raw oyster ban** *(The Times-Picayune - November 13, 2009)*

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